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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any programmes to take Science and Technology to Rural areas :
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have spent a large amounts for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard and the results obtained thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Department of Science & Technology under its Science and Society programme have a focussed scheme for the application of Science and Technology to rural areas. This programme aims at development and demonstration of appropriate and relevant technologies to improve the quality of life of the rural poor. The interventions are done through time bound projects pertaining to both farm and non-farm sector.

(c) & (d) The investment on these time bound projects are only marginal. As role of department of Science and Technology is only catalytic and confined to development of technology models, which are sustainable, large scale replications are not taken up. However, a number of such proven technologies which have already been developed and demonstrated are now being taken up by agencies like CAPART for replication.